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SUBJ: PRELIMINARY ROMANIAN CENSUS DATE: MINORITIES

1. RCP POLEXCO COMMUNIQUE (SCINTEIA, JUNE 8) CONTAINS FIRST
RELEASE OF PARTIAL DATA FROM THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL CENSUS.
MORE PRELIMINARY DATA WILL BE PUBLISHED IN FUTURE, ACCORDING
TO POLEXCO DECISION. ROMANIAN POPULATION AS OF JANUARY 5, 1977
TOTALLED (21,559,416 - 12.9 PERCENT INCREASE FROM 1966 CENSUS
TOTAL. ALSO, 47.5 PERCENT OF POPULATION NOW LIVES IN MUNICI-
PALITIES, CITIES OR SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES.

2. POLEXCO COMMUNIQUE NOTES THAT IN SPIRIT OF RCP'S NATIONALITY
POLICY, EACH CITIZEN WAS FREE TO DECLARE HIS OWN NATIONALITY.
POPULATION DATA WAS GIVEN ONLY FOR THREE GROUPS BELOW AND THEN
AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION FROM WHICH EMBASSY HAS CAL-
CULATED ACTUAL FIGURES:

1966 CENSUS: ROMANIANS 16,746,510 (87.7); HUNGARIANS
1,619,592 (8.5); GERMANS 382,595 (2.0)
1977 CENSUS: ROMANIANS 19,001,822 (88.137); HUNGARIANS
1,708,945 (7.912); GERMANS 348,400 (1.616)

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3. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY CALCULATIONS, ETHNIC ROMANIAN
POPULATION HAS INCREASED BY 13.4 PERCENT WHILE HUNGARIAN
TOTAL HAS GROWN BY ONLY 5.5 PERCENT. GERMANS, AS EXPECTED
DUE TO HEAVY EMIGRATION, HAVE SUFFERED NET DECREASE OF
8.9 PERCENT.

4. COMMENT: CENSUS DATA CONFIRMS CONTINUED PERCENTAGE
(AND IN CASE OF GERMANS, NET) DECLINE OF MINORITY POPULATION
IN ROMANIA. HOWEVER, DATA UNDOUBTEDLY SOMEWHAT UNDER-
REPRESENTS THEIR REAL NUMBERS DUE TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
PRESSURE WHICH LEAD SOME MEMBERS OF MINORITIES TO DECLARE
THEMSELVES AS ROMANIAN.
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